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WEATHER TO-DAY-FAIR.

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TRYING TO REACH **COMPROMISE ON ENABLING ACT**

Conferees Hold Lengthy Session Behind Closed Doors.

SPECIAL SESSION FOR TAX REFORM

Finance Committees of Both Houses Agree on Plan-Twelve Delegates and Eight Senators to Serve on Special Committee on

Taxation.

abling act, worked for two hours be-hind closed doors yesterday after-moon, and adjourned at 5:30 o'clock out making a report. The com-

q'clock this morning.
"There is nothing to be made pubc," said Judge Martin Williams, paron of the enabling act, and one of he conferces, to the reporters who bethe conferees, to the reporters who beemerged from the committee room 39 o'clock until now, and we will cet again at 9 o'clock to-morrow cerning. That is all I can say."

Sits Behind Closed Doors. committee held its conference office of Lieutenant-Governar Taylor Ellyson, on the Senate side. the full membership was present was paper men were excluded. Committee members declined last night to say which of their number presided as chairman. The committee is comsed of Senators Holt Mann and Delegates Oliver, Williams

ecdings of the meeting had evidently seen exacted of all the conferees, since nything to say. Delegate Oliver deeven to confirm the information out by Judge Williams, and said would be impossible to obtain offi-

It is confidentially believed that the committee will finish its task at this morning's meeting, and report a compromise bill. The expectation is founded on the belief that yesterday's session was devoted to a full discussion of all the amendments that have been proposed, and that to-day's meet-ing will begin with the preliminaries

Special Session for Tax Reform.

After a joint conference yesterday morning the House and Senate Finance morning the House and Senate Finance Committees voted to report to their respective hopses a resolution for a special committee of twenty members to draw a new plan of taxation, this committee to submit its report to a special session of the General Assembly, which Governor Stuart will be asked to call for the second Wednesday in Javan

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
The composition of the special committee to sit in the interim after the close of this session to investigate or plan of taxtion, with the proper bills for consideration of the special sery sion, has been the bone of contention.

As recommended, twelve of the special committee will be appointed from the House of Delegates by Speaker Cox, one from each of the congressional districts, and two at large. Eight members from the Senato are to be named by Lieutenant-Governor. J. Taylor Ellyson, one to represent our first of the first knowledge he had that the Marking time value of the special committee of the time required without more experience than we have a without more experience than we have a time of the projection of the special committee will be a consideration of the special committee will be a service were continuous. As recommended, twelve of the special service will be a service were roor of the special committee will be a service were roor of the special committee of the project has been left to the tentions will be a service were roor of the special committee of the project has been left to the dark of the free work will be at once announced in such cases of the State, and three at large light members from the Senato and the commission will in the near return of the geographical grand disvisions of the State, and three at large would leave New York immediately the project has been left to the wislons of the State, and three at large would leave New York immediately. The first knowledge he had that the Millions being congraved in the United States.

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The resolution, which is to be reported to both houses as a substitute for the Baker-Land resolution, referred, is to be drafted by Chairman Echols, of the Senate committee, and Chair-man Weaver, of the House committee, to meet the views as agreed upon.

Make-Up of Committee.
The joint meeting of the House and Senate committees to consider the exsession was held behind doors yesterday morning, and, though there is said to have been an agree-ment not to reveal what went on in executive session, the report promptly spread in the House that the session had been interesting—not to say stormy—and that the final result was not reached with any degree of unani-mity, either as to the number composing the special committee, or as to the manner of their appointment.

Mr. Brewer, of Nansemond, was patron of the plan for having a committee of twenty, twelve from the House and eight from the Senate. Delegates Stearnes, of Roanoke; Montague, of Richmond, and Senator West approved this olan. Senator Echols proposed this plan. Senator Echols proposed a different apportionment of committeemen, which had the approval Delegates Gregory, of New Kent; Spessard, of Craig, and Senator Buchanan. The Echols plan proposed that Gov-ernor Stuart should appoint four members of a general tax commission, the president of the Senate to name six Senators, and the Speaker of the House to name ten Delegates, making a com

mission of twenty.

It was agreed that Governor Stuart

NAVAL TUG CAUGHT ON ICE

Small Chance of the Potomac Getting Away Before Spring. Away Before Spring.

Bonnebay, N. F., February 11.—The American naval tug Potomac, which came to these waters to rescue two horring fishing craft caught in the ice at Bay of Islands, is gripped so firmly in an ice floe that the chance of her getting away before spring is considered small.

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Heavy ice has become packed into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, south to Cabot Strait, and while continued easterly winds might break it up so that the Potomac could make a near-by harbor, mariners believe there is little likelihood that she would be able to get clear of the gulf. The prevailing winds are northwest.

The first officer and others of the tug's crew to-day walked ashore to Lobster Head light station. They reported her hard and fast, three miles off Rocky Harbor. All the thirty-six men of the Potomac are well, but coal and provisions are running low. In order to replenish their supplies, the landing party to-night came to Bonne Bay, and to-morrow will drag sledloads of food back over the ice. The crews of the Francis Willard and the Hiram Lowell, the two schooners which were caught in ice at Bay of Islands, remain on board, but are considered in no danger, as they can reach shore over the ice.

SCHMIDT AT SING SING

Condemned Murderer of Anna Aumulier Joins Death House Colony.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Osslning, N. Y., February 11.—Handcuffed to Deputy Sheriff Wynne, Hans
Schmidt, the murderer of Anna Aumuller, was brought to Sing Sing Prison
this afternoon. Very few knew of his
expected arrival, and when he alighted
from the Croton local at 1:09 o'clock
there were but a few hackmen and
other spectators on hand. There were
ten other prisoners in charge of two
deputies, also on their way to Sing
Sing, but Schmidt was recognized in an
instant by his long, untrimmed beard
and black hair, which hung down to
his overcoat collar. Schmidt was apparently insensible to his surroundings,
and was led to a hack, which carried
him and the deputy to Sing Sing. The
other convicted men made the trip on
foot.

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PARSONS IN WASHINGTON

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New Commissioner of Fisherics Gets
Offer of Ald from Predecessor.

ISpecial to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, D. C., February 11.—
John S. Parsons, the newly-appointed Commissioner of Fisheries for Virginia, spent to-day in Washington, having stopped off to talk with some friends in the Virginia congressional delegation, while on his way to Philadelphia on business.

When seen in Congressman Jones's office he exhibited a telegram from former Commissioner W. McDonald Lee, offering his aid in acquainting Mr. Parsons said he had not called at the Bureau of Fisheries while in Washington, but would do so after first making a trip through the Virginia soyster district to see what was needed, and what aid he would need from the Federal government.

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EXPRESS DIVIDENDS CUT

MAY FOUND NEW DYNASTY

imperial Throne of China Offered to Yuan Shi Kai.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch I throne of China has just been offered to Yuan Shi Kai, according to a Peking message received in Paris to-aight. But the President, believing that the time is not ripe for the founding of a new dynasty, has declined the offer. The message adds that Yuan Shi Kaihas applied for and obtained from the administrative council a civil list of 240.006 taels, and that it is believed he will ascend the throne when he has prepared the ground.

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PROUTY OUTLINES TREMENDOUS TASK

BEFORE I. C. C.

WILL TAKE YEARS TO FINISH WORK

Fixing Valuation of All

Common Carriers.

tricts for Preliminary Surveys, Which Begin This Month. Expense Expected to Exceed \$6,000,000 - Knotty

by Congress to the Interstate Commerce Commission-the valuation of tion—was given here to-night by Com-missioner C. A. Prouty before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in annual convention. The commissioner cleared up a popular misconception as to the nature of the unfoot.

Schmidt's arrival at the prison created no stir whatever about the big institution. He was asked the usual questions by Clerk Westlake, after which his hair and beard were removed by the prison barber and he was given a bath. After receiving a new suit of clothing, he was placed in the death house colony, which consists of sixteen condemned men, the most prominent of whom is Police Lieutenant Becker. Schmidt made no scane whatever on reaching the prison, and made no statement of any sort.

dertaking, resulting from the use of the term "physican valuation" while the matter was pending before Congress and street was pending before Congress institution. He was paked the usual and since the explained that the commission is to determine just what each carrier is worth, taking into consideration what it costs to produce the property and to build up the service; what it would cost to reproduce it to-day, and what the line or company would sell for with its enhanced or depreciated valuation, its acquired privileges and its patronage.

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ed valuation, its acquired and its patronage.

That part of the work relating to railroads alone was dealt with at length by Mr. Prouty. He said that the task had not sufficiently progressed so that its details could be either establishmently or profitably discussed.

This preliminary work will occupy three or four months, which means that we shall not be in position to rapidly develop our organization until about July 1. Beginning then, or slightly before, our force can be rapidly in-

Reduction Follows Loss of Business

Caused by Parcel Post.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, February 11.—Loss of business by reason of the parcel post system caused directors of the Adams Express Company to reduce the dividend to-day from a 12 to 6 per cent annual basis by declaring a quarterly payment of \$1.50 a share.

Intimations of a reduction were contained in a circular mailed to shareholders on December 15, when it was said that a continuance of the 12 per cent dividend would not probably be warranted thereafter.

The company has been paying 12 per the fine Rationals in the time. Rationals in the selves, and the cost of these valuations has run all the way from \$2 to \$75 per mile. Knowing what must be done, the methods which must be followed, the rate of accomplishment which has been attainable in other places. I be a subject to the methods which must be followed, the rate of accomplishment which has been attainable in other places. I be a subject to the methods which must be followed, the rate of accomplishment which has been attainable in other places. I be a subject to the methods which must be followed, the rate of accomplishment which has been attainable in other places. I be a subject to the sub cent dividend would not probably be warranted thereafter.

The company has been paying 12 per cent a year since 1909. In 1908 payments at the rate of 8 per cent were made, and from 1903 to 1907, 10 per cent; in 1902 and 1901, 8 per cent, and in 1909, 6 per cent.

gregate for the entire 250,000 miles between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

"Evidently, before it can be determined what it would cost to build a particular railroad as it to-day exists, we must know exactly where and what that railroad is. This means are all what that railroad is. termined what it would cost to build a particular railroad as it to-day exists, we must know exactly where and what that railroad is. This means that as a preliminary to the work of that as a preliminary to the work of valuation every railroad must furnish valuation every railroad must furnish as the conditions as the condition with mans and plans.

Must Verify Inventory.
"When the commission has been furnished with this complete inventory by

It was agreed that Governor Stuart would not desire to take any part in the appointment of a legislative committee, though if the work were to be done by a commission not limited to done by a commission not limited to members of the General Assembly, it would be desirable to have its membership appointed by the Governor.

Object to Size of Committee.

Objection was made that twenty members was too large a number, the Walker bill, suggesting a tax commission of five members and a plan for a legislative committee consisting of five from the Senate and seven from the House, being suggested as alternates to the plan proposed.

The majority of the joint committee favored a large committee, both as giving wider judgment and experience in preparation of the tax bills and as carrying greater weight with the Gen
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CASTILLO CAUGHT AND PUT TO DEATH BY REBEL CAVALRY

Body Entrusted With Leader of Bandits and Six of His Followers Executed.

WORD IS RECEIVED BY GENERAL VILLA

Country Divided Into Five Dis- Constitutionalists Believed to Be Inquiry Is Being Conducted by Awaiting Receipt of More Arms and Ammunition Before Actively Pushing Campaign Against Larger Mexican Towns.

El Paso, Tex., February 11.—Meximo Castillo and six of his followers were exptured and executed on Monday near Chocolate Pass, about forty-five miles Northeast of Pearson, Chihuahua, ac-

Northenst of Pearson, Chihuahua, according to telegrams to-day received by General Francisco Villa in Juarez.

The messages were sent from Casas Grandes, he said, by rebel officers. A detachment of rebel cavairy under Major Juan Sammiego surrounded Castillo's band near the pass, it was reported, and captured seven of them, including Castillo.

the steamship Monroe, off the Virginia Coast, in which forty-one lives were lost, to-day listened to Captain Edward E. Johnson, of the sunken Monroe, give his version of that disaster before the local United States inspectors of steam vessels, who will determine who was responsible for the accident. Captain Johnson was on the stand all day.

Campaign Not Actively Pushed.

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Washington. February 11.—Officials certain changes being made with respect to day were much interested in lation to the navigation of vessels, at dispatches announcing the unexpected restoration of telegraph communication between important Mexican towns in the war zone and the outside world. Monterey, Laredo, Ciudad Porfirio Diaz and war zone and the outside world. Mon-terey, Laredo, Ciudad Porfirio Diaz and make a thorough inquiry into every Torreon were among the towns named, The inference drawn was that cam-of the enactment of Federal laws to paigns against these Federal strong-holds were not being actively pushed by the Constitutionalists.

assist in preventing a recurrence of similar disasters.

Captain Berry when confronted to-

by the Constitutionalists.

It was suggested that rebel leaders were awaiting the receipt of fresh supplies of arms and ammunition. There also is a suggestion that General Villa and General Carranza are concerned over the possibility that some of their followers, unused to restraint, may be difficult to handle in the event that any of these large towns are captured, and that for the present, they are quietly putting into operation disciplinary measures, with a view to meeting the of these large towns are captured, and that for the present, they are quietly putting into operation disciplinary measures, with a view to meeting the close scrutiny of the civilized world, when they are placed in the attitude of conductors.

Local Banks Taken Over.
Chihuahua, February 11.—Local banks which discontinued business several months ago as a result of chaotic conditions are taken over by the State government in a decree is sued by Governor Chao to-day. The decree is in accordance with the ultimatum of Venustino Carranza, head of the rebel government, who named February 10 as the limit of the period in which banks might reopen as private institutions.

It is probable that the banks will be consolidated into one receivership and operated by the receivers.
It is assumed that when the banks are reorganized under the receivership they will be used to circulate the new rebel money, some of it in coin being minted here, and several millions being engraved in the United States.

have all the data with respect to some have all the data with respect to some railroads, but whether a valuation will be at once announced in such cases must depend upon the method which the commission selects for determining the various questions which will arise, and to which reference has been made.

No Estimate of Expense.

"Any estimate of the expense must be even more unreliable than that of the time. Railroads have been valued both by public authority and by themselves, and the cost of these valuations has run all the way from \$2 to \$75.

City at Mercy of Besiegers.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
Vera Cruz, Mexico, February 11.—A
portion of the Federal garrison at
Tampico is reported to have revolted,
leaving the city practically at the
mercy of the besiegers.
Rear-Admiral Fletcher is to return to
Tampico with his squadron. The Minnesota, Connecticut and Ohio will start
early in the morning. The Des Moines
received orders this afternoon to start
immediately for Tampico.

The British cruiser Hermione arrived
to-day to relieve the Essex, the latter
having been ordered out for target
practice.

Ex-Glovernor Debesa, of Vera Cruz

Stops Violation of Neutrality.

El Paso, Tex., February 11.—An attempt to rush Mexican recruits in this city by Huerta's recruiting agents across the river to-night brought out four troops of the Fifteenth Cavalry to prevent the violation of neutrality.

SEEKING RESERVE BANK

Louisville and New Orleans Present
Claims to Committee.
New Orleans, February 11.—The Federal reserve bank organization committee, composed of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston, to-day heard claims of bankers and commercial representatives of Louisville and New Orleans why their respective cities should have a Federal reserve bank. A large delegation of Memphis bankers heard the arguments, and to-morrow will present their claims for a bank at Memphis, after which the committee will go to Atlanta for a hearing.

BACON SUFFERS RELAPSE

Senator from Georgia in Hospital in Serious Condition.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, February 11.—Senator Bacon, of Georgia, to-day suffered a relapse and is now lying in the Garfield Hospital in a serious condition. Dr. Francis D. Hagner, a kidney expert, has been called into consultation, and another X-ray examination of the Senator will be made. The first diagnosis pointed to gall stones as the cause of the malady.

MONROE'S CAPTAIN INJUNCTION AGAINST A. P. TELLS STORY OF

COLLISION AT SEA

BERRY IS CHARGED

Philadelphia-Accused Mas-

ter Pleads Not Guilty-Only

One Witness Is Exam-

ined During Day.

the steamship Monroe, off the Virginia

As in the Titantic disaster, it is ex-

Compass Not Adjusted.

One of the most important points brought out in the examination of Captain Johnson, who was the first witness, was that he navigated the Monroe with a steering compass that deviated as much as 2 degrees from the standard magnet compass. He sold the

standard magnet compass. He said the instrument was sufficiently true to run the side, and that it was the custom of masters in the coastwise trade to use

The Monroe's captain told the story

After he discovered the proximity of

the Nantucket, Captain Johnson said he signalled full steam ahead, and turned

his vessel to port, in the hope of re-ceiving only a glancing blow, as he realized a collision could not be avoid-

ed. Captain Johnson said there was a lapse of only two minutes between the

was coming down the coast.

such compasses.

Restrained From Suspending Service to Hearst Newspaper.

New York, February 11.—On application of William R. Hearst, Justice Giegerich, of the State Supreme Court, has issued an injunction restraining the Associated Press from suspending service of its report to the San Francisco Examiner, or in any way disciplining or punishing Mr. Hearst because of his refusal to comply with the defendant's direction to change the title of a certain edition of the San Francisco Examiner.

tain edition of the San Francisco Ex-aminer.

The writ is returnable on February 13. Mr. Hearst some time ago begun the issuance of an edition of the San Francisco Examiner designed for circulation in the adjacent city of Oakland, and the title of this special edition was so arranged as to make it appear that it was the Oakland Examiner. Commander of Nantucket Hears Johnson's Version of Disaster.

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The member of the Associated Press representing the Oakland Tribune complained that this wan a violation of the by-laws of the association, under which the right of Mr. Hearst was limited to the receipt and publication of Associated Press news in the San Francisco Examiner. Mr. Hearst's attention was called to the matter, with a request that the misleading heading be discontinued. As this request was not complied with Mr. Hearst was cited by the board of directors in December last to make answer to a charge of violating the by-laws of the association. The matter was continued until the meeting of the board of directors to-day, and prior to the meeting of the board the injunction was issued. WITH NEGLIGENCE Inspectors of Steam Vessels at

GOETHALS LEAVES TO-DAY

Will Consult Officials in Washington About Canai Government.

Panama, February 11.—Colonel Geo. W. Goethals, recently appointed Governor of the Canal Zone, to-morrow will leave here for Washington to consult with officials there with reference to the permanent organization of the canal government, which will become effective on April 1. It is understood Colonel Goethals goes to the United States with well-defined views regarding the personnel of the higher officials of both the operative and administrative forces of the permanent establishment. He has signified his intention of consulting with the Secretary of Warbefore asking those he has in mind to accept appointment.

The Governor will appear before the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives while in Washington for the purpose of giving information regarding the amount necessary to complete canal fortifications, and provide a sufficient force to man them. The appropriation necessary to complete the canal construction also is to be considered. The Burke case probably will occupy some of Colonel Goothals's time in New York, as to future action with reference to the prosecution of the case, which has been left with the district attorney of New York.

GIBBONS IS HONOR GUEST

Cardinal Entertained at Dinner by Mrs.

William F. Draper.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, February 11.—Cardinal
Gibbons was the honor guest of Mrs.
William F. Draper at dinner this evening. The cardinal's favorite flower,
lilies of the valley, were used as table
decorations. The other guests were the
Spanish Ambassador and Madame Rispanish Ambassador and Madame Rispanish Ambassador and Mrs. Franklin
Madame Da Gama, the former Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Franklin
MacVeagh, Bishop O'Connor, Monsignor
Russell, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Judge
and Mrs. Charles C. Howry, Mr. and
Mrs. Thomas Ballard and Miss Margaret Draper.

CONFIRMED BY SENATE

Two Virginians, Among Others, Given Diplomatic Appointments.

[Special to The Times Dispatch.]

Washington, February 11.—A large number of diplomatic appointments were confirmed by the Senate to-day, as follows:

Roland B. Harvey, of Maryland, to be second secretary of embassy at Berlin; Arthur Hugh Frazler, of Pennsylvania, to be second secretary of embassy at Paris; Willing Spencer, of Pennsylvania, to be secretary of legation at Caracas; Franklin Mott Gunther, of Virginia, to be secretary of legation at Christiana, Norway; M. Marshall Langhorne, of Virginia, to be secretary of legation at emburg. His steering compass, Captain Johnson testified, had never been adjusted in the one year he was master of the of the collision, and was exhaustively examined by the steamboat inspectors. He said the night of the collision was alternately clear and foggy.

The collision occurred during a fog.
The first knowledge he had that the

President Wilson is said to have approved a territorial plan of government for the islands, and to have assured Mr. Jones of his support in enacting laws looking toward Filipino

NOT COMMON CARRIERS

Contention Made by Armour Private
Car Lines Company.
Chicago, February 11.—The contention that private car lines are not common carriers was made to-day in the answer filed by Frederick W. Ellis, vice-president of the Armour Car Lines Company, to the petition of the Interstate Commerce Commission, asking the Federal court to compel Ellis to answer to the commission's questions.
The answer declared that the Armour company always had denied the right of the commerce commission to investigate the commerce commerce commission to investigate the commerce co of the commerce commission to inves-

WILLIAMS GOES TO ATLANTA

Will Join Other Members of Federal
Reserve Bank Committee.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, February 11.—John
Skelton Williams, Assistant Secretary
of the Treasury, left Washington today to join the Federal Reserve organization committee in Atlanta, Ga. With
Secretaries McAdoo and Houston, he
completes the roster. The committee
is expected here on February 18.

Way Risne

If the exhibition, by reason of the scenes presented, or of the character or reputation of the persons participating in
the scenes outrages public decency, you
are authorized to prohibit the exhibition."

Mayor Ainsile referred the matter
to Mr. Pollard after he had been petitioned by the ministers to prevent the
appearance of Mrs. Thaw. In accordance with that opinion, Mayor Ainsile to find out through the wireless opera-tor the proximity of other vessels, Cap-tain Johnson said he had instructed the operator to ascertain the location of the steamer Hamilton, which he know

Capes.

Presence Not Made Known.

The Nantucket must have been between the Hamilton and the Monroe, Captain Johnson said, but the operator (Continued on Third Page.)

Flies Over Mont Blanc.

Acoste, Department of Isera, France, February 11.—M. Pamelin, a young French aviator, to-day flow over Mont Blanc, at a height of about three miles. He left Geneva, Switzerland, this morning, after waiting a week for a clear day.

The Times-Dispatch Leads

The Times-Dispatch leads all Richmond newspapers. It carries nearly as many WANT ADS as the three

It carries far more advertising than any other Rich-

mond paper, leading its closest competitor by 152,586 lines. In news value it is far in the lead over the three other

Richmond papers, as the figures printed below will show.

Other afternoon paper (35 days)..... 1464 Cols.

The number of columns of telegraph and local news and of features carried since the first of the year follows: THE TIMES-DISPATCH (42 days)...... 3418 Cols. Other morning paper (42 days)..... 2311 Cols.

other Richmond papers combined.

QUICK DISMISSAL FOLLOWS ARREST OF EVELYN THAW

Crutchfield Finds No. Law Under Which She Can Be Held.

ACTRESS DEFIES ORDER OF MAYOR

Goes On With Performance at Academy and Is Taken Into Custody by Chief Werner. Police Court Hearing Results in Her Prompt Discharge.

After hearing a dozen or more wit-After hearing a dozen or more witnesses for the prosecution and defense, Police Justice Crutchfield last night at 6:05 o'clock held that there was no law under which Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, wife of the slayer of Stanford White, could be prohibited from appearing on the staye of the Academy of Music, and he promptly dismissed the charge that her public performance was an "outrage to public decency and a detriment to public morals." The result was that Mrs. Thaw appeared last night at the Academy, and her appearance was witnessed by an audience which taxed the

nessed by an audience which taxed the capacity of the house.

Despite the notification by Mayor George Ainslie that the appearance of Mrs. Thaw would be prohibited, the management of the Academy at the matinee yeaterday directed Mrs. Then, matingement of the Academy at the matinee yesterday directed Mrs. Thaw to carry out her performance. At the conclusion of her first dance, which ended at 3:40 o'clock, she was arrested by Chief of Police Werner, who had by Chief of Police Werner, who had gone to the playhouse armed with a warrant he had sworn out before Magistrate J. A. Purdie. It charged that she did "unlawfully appear in the Academy of Music in a play or public performance, thereby outraging public decency and to the detriment of public morals, and to the great damage and common nuisance of all citizens of this Commonwealth."

Performance Is Stopped.

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Mrs. Thaw had been on the stage barely three minutes when Major Werner appeared in the wings and signalled her to stop. The curtain was lowered, and Major Werner crossed the stage to where she awaited him. He accompanied her to her dressing-room and there formally placed her under arrest, after reading the warrant to her. Major Werner promptly paroled her in the custody of her counsel, H. M. Smith, Jr., and Allen G. Collins, for her appearance before Justice Crutchfield at 4 o'clock.

Many in the audience, of usual matinee proportions, were aware that Mrs. Thaw had been taken in custody and flocked to the stage entrance under the impression that she would be brought out and taken to a police station in a patrol wagon. Their numbers were greatly swelled by curious persons who had congregated about the playhouse, but all were disappointed when Mrs. Thaw did not come out escorted by officers of the law.

Curious Are Disappointed.

The first knowledge he had that the Nantucket was near him was when he heard a whistle three points on the starboard bow He was running at half speed at the time, and stopped his sel know that he was steering to port. He judged the whistle was about 375 feet away.

Vessels in Collision.

Captain Johnson's second knowledge of the proximity of a vessel was when he saw a faint light, four points to to starboard, and about 340 feet away, he said. He believed the other vessel was going in the opposite direction to him on a parallel line, but a mo-

Mayor Ainslie, Major Werner and Mayor Ainsile, Major Werner and members of the Ministerial Union, who on Monday called upon the Mayor and requested that he stop the appearance of Mrs. Thaw in Richmond as a detriment to public morals, were the witment to public morals, were the wit-nesses called by the prosecution. In directing the Chief of Police to arrest Mrs. Thaw if she appeared, Mayor Ainsile acted upon a written opinion of City Attorney Pollard. In

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Therefore, I hold, in the light of this concise statement of the law, and of the deduction I made therefrom, that if the exhibition, by reason of the plot itself, by reason of the scenes presented, or of the character or reputa-

ance with that opinion, Mayor Ainslie notified the Leath Theatrical Company that Mrs. Thaw would not be allowed to appear, and that if she did she would be at once arrested. Mayor Ainslie and Major Werner,

Mayor Ainslie and Major Werner, who were present at the Academy and witnessed the performance until the arrest of the principal, said there was nothing objectionable in the play.

Rev. W. Asbury Christian, D. D., pastor of the Union Station Methodist Church, said that he could not say that Mrs. Thaw possessed no talent. He added that he knew of her reputation by the court of the said that he knew of her reputation by the courts are thicked to the said that he knew of her reputation by the courts are thicked to the said that he knew of her reputation by the courts are thicked to the said that he knew of her reputation by the said that th tion by the reports published in the daily press. "While I have known the newspapers in Richmond to make misnewspapers in retaining to make the stakes," he said, "I have never known one of them to publish a falsehood.

My opinion of Mrs. Thaw's reputation has been formed through these publications.

Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, on the witness stand declared that Mrs. Thaw was not advertised, because of her ability as a dancer, but because she was "the most talked-of woman in America." If her appearance was be-Rev. John W. Shackford, another Methodist minister, testified that Mrs. Thaw was an exponent of impurity, and

cause of her ability, and not because of her reputation," he said, "I would of her reputation," offer no objection to her performance.